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Satoshi SAITO, et al.

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Examiner: Tracy Mae Dove

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For: SHOCK-ABSORBING STRUCTURE OF BATTERY COVER

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 have been examined. Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and claims 1, 11 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claims 2-10, 21 and 22 are allowed, and claims 13-20 contain allowable subject matter.